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the people so watched, the disease had developed during the two last weeks.

The plague cases among the natives have lately been less numerous, on the whole, and the plan of keeping them apart in the "locations" would seem to have already had good results. On April 10 it is stated that more than 6,000 Kaffirs were accommodated in these "locations."

The quarantine relations of the harbor of Cape Town have been rendered more strict in so far that from April 15 no unvaccinated person is allowed to enter the docks. Furthermore, it has been ordered that troops arriving from other countries shall no longer be landed in Cape Town harbor, but at other ports. The traffic between Cape Town and St. Helena is suspended. On the other hand Cape Town has not been declared as infected, so far as the other ports in South Africa are concerned.

According to a communication of April 17, during the cleaning and disinfection work in almost all the houses in Cape Town in which plague cases have occurred, on taking up the boards a large number of dead rats have been found, which, on being subjected to a bacteriological examination, showed the presence of the plague bacillus. According to a publication of the port authorities 5,446 rats have been killed in the Cape Town docks. In the docks of Port Elizabeth a large number of dead rats, dead from the plague, have been discovered.

QUEENSLAND.—In the week from March 24 to March 30, a case of plague has occurred in the neighborhood of Brisbane.

Cholera.

BRITISH EAST INDIA.—In the period from March 31 to April 6, 68 persons have died of cholera, in Calcutta.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,
Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Clipping from Berlin Tageblatt translated and forwarded from Consulate-General of the United States.

BERLIN, GERMANY, *May 20, 1901.*

The children born in Berlin show a considerably lower mortality during the last ten years than those moved here from other parts, whilst the mortality of the population in Berlin shows but a very small deviation from that of the total population. The cause of this is that from the ages of 20 to 60 the mortality of those born outside of Berlin is very much lower, which affects the total results.

HONDURAS.

Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *May 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of the transactions at this station for the week ended May 18, 1901.

Four vessels have been inspected and cleared for the United States: May 16, auxiliary schooner *Marie Cooper*, La Penotiere, master; crew, 6; Tampa, Fla.; Steamship *Dudley*, Andersen, master; crew, 18; Mobile, Ala. May 17, steamship *Usk*, Hurry, master; crew, 20; New

Orleans, La. May 18, steamship *Adria*, Rasmussen, master; crew, 15; Mobile, Ala.

The health and sanitary condition of La Ceiba and adjacent country continue good.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, May 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report the happenings at this port for the week ended May 7. Health conditions continue good. Certificates for steamers' dispatches inclosed. May 8, steamship *S. Oteri*, De Luca; 7 passengers; crew, 35; cargo, tropical fruit; baggage disinfected, 9 pieces; destination, New Orleans. May 10, steamship *Bratten*, Holm; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, tropical fruit; destination, Mobile. May 11, steamship *España*, Danielson; crew, 14; passengers, 3; cargo, tropical fruit; destination, Mobile, direct; steamship *Foxhall*, Larsen; crew, 25; passengers, none; cargo, tropical fruit; destination, Mobile, direct. May 12, steamship *Dudley*, Andersen; crew, 18; passengers, none; cargo, tropical fruit; destination, Mobile via La Ceiba.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, May 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to hereby make my report for the week ended May 21. The health conditions of this port remain excellent. No deaths for the week. List of steamships dispatched from this port during above time is as follows:

May 15, steamship *Stillwater*, Galt, American; arrived May 14 from New Orleans; crew, 31; passengers, none; cargo, tropical fruit; all in good sanitary condition; destination, New Orleans via Port Limon. May 15, steamship *Anselm*, Brown, British; arrived May 14 from New Orleans; crew, 32; passengers, 8; cargo, tropical fruit; number of pieces baggage disinfected, 26; destination, New Orleans via Belize. May 16, steamship *Habil*, Gudmansen, Norwegian; arrived from New Orleans May 14; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, tropical fruit; destination, New Orleans, direct. Proper ship and passenger certificates inclosed.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Smallpox and typhus.

NAPLES, ITALY, May 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 19, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On May 15, the steamship *Archimede*, of the Italian General Naviga-